

Tree Placement Guidelines

Deciding where you want to plant a tree and what you know about that site is the first step in tree planting. Once you take stock of the following information you will be ready to start thinking about the type of tree you want to plant, and which species is right for you and your location.

1. Where will you plant your tree?

- lawn
- by a patio
- garden
- along a street
- park
- parking lot
- landfill
- playground
- schoolyard

2. Describe the site. Check off anything that describes your site.

- underground utilities (Before you dig, call the NYC One Call Center, a free service to mark underground utilities 1-800-272-4480)
- heavy traffic
- overhead utility wires
- winter salted roads
- walkway, driveway, or sidewalk
- sunny
- shady
- dry
- wet

3. Check soil conditions. Use a pointy tipped shovel to see how loose the soil is.

- severely disturbed/building rubble
- shallow soil to bedrock
- sandy
- rocky
- clay
- silt/loam